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Chair's Message



Countdown Starts for CIF Global Indian Award 2023

Friends!

India is on the moon. The news is a few days old. And it may have disappeared from the front pages or primetime news by now. But for those of us, nearly a billion and a half of us, living in India and elsewhere, the occasion will continue to reverberate for months or even years to come. That is until the next big news in India's space odyssey breaks.

When the Vikram lander (and Pragaan the vehicle that would roam the surface of the moon) finally made a smooth touch down on August 23, 2023 (an interesting combination of numbers for numerologists!), there were shouts of joy and I am sure, some deep sighs from those living with

the project for the past four years.

After Chandrayan 2 crash landed just meters short of its destination in 2019, there were many gloomy predictions and cynical comments made about India's space ambitions. In fact, some questioned the very need for spending money on such explorations. I remember the then head of ISRO breaking down overcome with emotions. But India's leadership was not shaken. In fact, Prime Minister Narendra Modi publicly affirmed his continued faith in the leadership and encouraged them to pick up from where failed.

Four years later, we have the international headlines. India becomes the fourth country to land on the moon. India becomes the **first country** to land on the far side of the moon. Pragyaan is now moving around the South Pole of the moon in its search for signs of water there. While it is a huge boost to India's prestige in the world, there is an even sweeter spot it creates for us in the global Indian diaspora. Today thanks to events like this, the general perception about us undergoes a change. There is respect, acknowledgement of Indian capabilities and overall appreciation of India and Indians all over the world. So, from all of us who live far away, (not as far as the moon) a huge round of applause to the entire team of Chandrayan 3.

As for critics of the money spent on the mission, here is an interesting stat – India's US\$75 million Chandrayan 3 budget is only slightly higher than some of the mega-budget movies being made in India today. Now on to our own mission, set to make a splash right here in Canada – CIF Global Indian Award 2023. This annual event has become a most prestigious and well-regarded event in the calendar of Indo Canadians, drawing the top leaders from business and industry, public arena and academia. This year, it has a big surprise in that the winner is first ever woman to be accorded this honour. And the winner is none other than **Ms. Sudha Murty**, one of the most admired and visible faces of India today. ([Read more](#))

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Past Events

**CIF Charity Golf Tournament Draws Record
Attendance**



Brampton, Aug. 10, 2023: The 8th Canada India Foundation (CIF) charity golf tournament was held at the Lionhead Golf Club and Convention Centre in Brampton on August 9th, 2023, a picture-perfect day for golf, blessed by the weather gods as noted by the chief architect of this philanthropic initiative, **Anil Shah**, Chair, CIF Golf committee.

The tournament attracted 292 golfers, creating a record in attendance as well as funds raised for the cause. While thanking the players and sponsors, Shah, said: “At CIF our goal has always been to foster ties between Canada and India. At the same time, we also want to demonstrate our commitment to both countries through such charitable activities. This is one of the most noble causes that anyone can be a part of. After all, the funds raised will go towards helping the families of soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in their line of duty both in India and Canada.” [\(Read More\)](#)

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HEADLINES

PM Trudeau to attend G20 Summit in India

The 2023 G20 New Delhi summit (Sept. 9-10, 2023) is scheduled to take place in the newly opened Bharat Mandapam International Exhibition-Convention Centre (IECC), Pragati Maidan, New Delhi in 2023. Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, will join 19 other world leaders to discuss matters critical to the future of the world. [\(Read more\)](#)



Pragyaan Takes a Walk on the Moon



Chandrayaan 3 rover named Pragyaan has started looking around and started collecting data. The main objective of the mission is to find positive proof of the existence of water on the surface. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Neeraj Chopra Strikes Gold

India's Neeraj is now just the third javelin thrower in history after his idol Jan Zelezny and Norway's Andreas Thorkildsen to have accomplished the treble of winning gold in the Continental, Olympic and World Championships. [\(Read more\)](#)



Chess Prodigy Praggnanandhaa's Finest Hour



18-year-old Indian Chess Grand Master, Praggnanandhaa, or Pragg as he's popularly known, nearly beat reigning world champion, Magnus Carlsen in their final clash. But experts are calling his game tectonic and seminal with future surprises in wait for chess fans. [\(Read more\)](#)

15000 Indian tech workers moved to Canada

Canada is quite the hotspot for Indian tech workers as thousands moved to the country. According to a recent report by The Technology Councils of North America (TECNA) and Canada's Tech Network (CTN), India was the country with the most tech workers who moved to Canada between April 2022 and March 2023. [\(Read more\)](#)



The Spectacular Rise of Indian CEOs

None other than Elon Musk, once of the most consequential CEOs of our time, has taken notice of the



overwhelming presence of Indian talent at the very top of major multinationals. Almost 70 Fortune 500 companies are reportedly run by Indians. [\(Read more.\)](#)

India Restricts Basmati Rice Exports

Basmati rice prices in international markets are likely to see a hike as India has enforced measures to limit rice exports as a part of attempts to control food inflation. [\(Read more.\)](#)



Raphael Nadal is Infosys Brand Ambassador



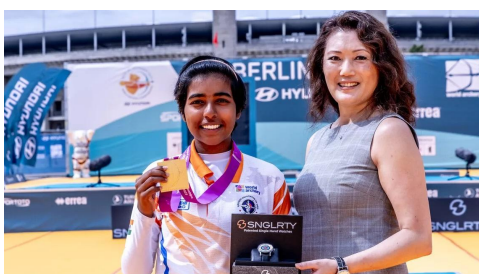
India's second largest software services company, Infosys, has signed Raphael Nadal, once of the world's biggest tennis stars, as its brand ambassador. Among other initiatives, the partnership is developing an AI-powered match analysis tool that will make its debut at the French Open. [\(Read more.\)](#)

A Whole Post Office 3D Printed in India

Bengaluru has a new attraction, and it is not the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha. It is a whole new post office building constructed using 3D printing technology. The breakthrough is expected to encourage more such structures to come up. [\(Read more.\)](#)



Aditi Gopichand Swami Becomes the Youngest Ever World Archery Champion



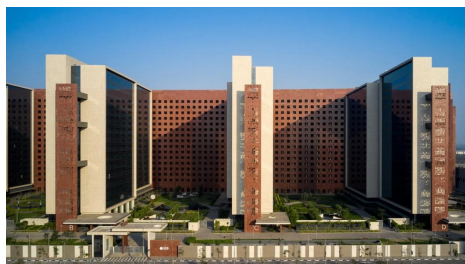
Aditi Gopichand Swami made history as she became the youngest World Archery Champion in the World Cup-era (2006 and on) and claimed India's first-ever individual title at the 2023 Hyundai World Archery Championships with compound women's gold in Berlin. [\(Read more.\)](#)

India's \$28 Billion Support to Global South Nations

It was reported recently that India has extended \$28 billion worth of loans to support projects in countries located in Asia, Africa, Caribbean, Latin America and Oceania. These include 94 connectivity projects in five countries in India's immediate neighbourhood. [\(Read more.\)](#)



Surat's Diamond Bourse Beats Pentagon



Surat is capturing world headlines. The biggest office complex in the world, a record held by the Pentagon till now, has passed on to the brand-new Surat Diamond Bourse. It is expected to be open for business by year end. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Upcoming Events

 **ICICI Bank**

Webinar for NRIs on
**TAX COLLECTED
AT SOURCE**
On Outward Remittance
Transaction





Speaker

Mr. Balaji Balasubramanian

Partner, PwC India, Tax & Regulatory Services - Financial Services

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